

important role in the history and growth of Palm Beach County. It was the center of the story of the legendary Barefoot Mailman, who connected Jupiter with Lemon City (now the Miami area) in the 19th Century, long before any type of road existed.

At one time, the mail to Miami had to be shipped to Jacksonville, then by rail to Cedar Key, steam shipped to Key West and lastly by schooner to Miami. The big advancement took place in 1885, with a railroad line south to West Palm Beach. The mail then traveled by row boat to Hypoluxo. At Hypoluxo, the Barefoot Mailman took over and walked six days along the hard sand next to the ocean for over 60 miles (and occasionally crossing inlets by swimming or by canoe) to Miami—and back. All for \$175 every three months.

The Postal Creed says that “neither snow, nor rain, nor snow, nor heat, nor gloom of night will stay these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.” To the Barefoot Mailman you can add on gators, sharks, snakes, hurricanes, and swift currents. In fact, it is legend that alligators or sharks caused the demise of a Barefoot Mailman on one of his appointed rounds.

Mr. Speaker, Hypoluxo has created in its natural scrub park, a statue monument to the Barefoot Mailman, to recognize the heroic traditions of each person who served the coastal residents and brought the news, commercial transactions, and many smiles to them during their years of service.

To the citizens of Hypoluxo gathered to celebrate its 50 years in the shadow of its beautiful Key West Town Hall, its natural Florida hammock, and under the watchful eye of the Barefoot Mailman, I congratulate you and wish you the best in the next 50 years. I am sure that by that time the mail will arrive a little faster—but not with the colorful traditions of the Barefoot Mailman. Congratulations on 50 years, and on behalf of Florida's 22nd Congressional District, I wish you many, many more.

MGM V. GROKSTER DECISION

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of today's 9–0 Supreme Court decision in the MGM v. Grokster case. By ruling that providing the software makes a file-sharing service liable for facilitating this online theft and for encouraging illegal downloads, the Court preserved this country's 200 year history of inspiring American creativity by protecting the rights of those who create it.

Traffic in copyrighted material has already cost American industry hundreds of millions of dollars. One-half of all teenagers have downloaded music for free, with two-thirds of them saying they buy less music now that they can steal it over the Internet so easily. Given the severity and magnitude of the problem, I sincerely hope that today's ruling will force these services to either clean up their acts or discontinue entirely.

The Court unanimously found what so many of us already knew: peer-to-peer networks are merely the latest technology used to steal

from copyright owners. Online file-sharing services, like Grokster and KaZaa, may not distribute copyrighted materials off of their own servers, but they certainly encourage that theft and profit from it. Just as in the physical world, promoting criminal activity is itself a crime. I am pleased peer-to-peer networks that actively encourage piracy will now be held responsible for their actions.

THE VOLUNTEER FIGHTERS OF VERMONT

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, there are over 800,000 volunteer firefighters in the United States. Of the 30,000 fire departments in the United States, two thirds are entirely made up of volunteers—21,761 companies. Another 5,271 companies are mostly made up of volunteers.

In my own state of Vermont there are 246 small towns—and 244 fire departments. Five of them are in large cities, where there first responders are full time, paid firefighters. Vermont has 265 paid firefighters—all brave and dedicated men and women.

But in rural Vermont, dotted with small cities and smaller towns, there is often neither the population base nor the budget to support full-time firefighters. But thousands of remarkable men and women step into the breach, giving generously of their time and energy and commitment to make sure our residences, our businesses, our farms, our towns, are safe. Vermont, with a population of about 620,000, has an astonishing 6,235 volunteer firefighters. Just over one person in every hundred who lives in our largely rural state has devoted himself or herself to protecting the community in which they live.

These first responders are models for people across our entire nation of what commitment to one's neighbor looks like. Every day they demonstrate, in good weather and bad, in sweltering summer heat when their boots and coats are like ovens, and in the depths of winter when the temperature goes to 25 below and frostbite threatens, that they are willing to put their lives on the line to protect the lives of others.

Our nation was built by people who were as concerned about their neighbors as they were about their own interests. It has been sustained by brave men and women who love their country, their community, their neighbors and family, as much as they love life itself. And that tradition of service and bravery continues in Vermont. I proudly celebrate, today, the remarkable volunteer firefighters of Vermont. We all owe them a debt of gratitude: They are among the great unsung heroes of our times.

HONORING LUCILLE SALTER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Lucille Salter, as she celebrates her 100th birthday. It is my great pleasure to commemorate this milestone for a woman who is a pillar in her community of Boulder City, Nevada.

Mrs. Salter arrived in Boulder City in 1931 at the height of the Great Depression. She spent time working for the telephone company, the Federal Government, and the City of Henderson.

Today, Mrs. Salter lives with her husband, Ross Salter, in Henderson, Nevada and enjoys visits from her grandchildren and playing bridge. She leads a full life and is admired by her many friends for her willingness to help in any way she can.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor Lucille Salter and give her my deepest thanks for her contributions to the Southern Nevada community. It is my hope that those that have been touched by her giving spirit will remember her example and use it in their own lives.

INTRODUCING THE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION FREEDOM ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 27, 2005

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce the Agriculture Education Freedom Act. This bill addresses a great injustice being perpetrated by the Federal Government on those youngsters who participate in programs such as 4-H or the Future Farmers of America. Under current tax law, children are forced to pay Federal income tax when they sell livestock they have raised as part of an agricultural education program.

Think about this for a moment. These kids are trying to better themselves, earn some money, save some money and what does Congress do? We pick on these kids by taxing them. It is truly amazing that with all the hand-wringing in Congress over the alleged need to further restrict liberty and grow the size of government “for the children” we would continue to tax young people who are trying to lead responsible lives and prepare for the future. Even if the serious social problems today's youth face could be solved by new Federal bureaucracies and programs, it is still unfair to pick on those kids who are trying to do the right thing.

These children are not even old enough to vote, yet we are forcing them to pay taxes! What ever happened to no taxation without representation? No wonder young people are so cynical about government!

It is time we stopped taxing youngsters who are trying to earn money to go to college by selling livestock they have raised through their participation in programs such as 4-H or Future Farmers of America. Therefore, I call on my colleagues to join me in supporting the Agriculture Education Freedom Act.